

2008 Kentucky HOSA State Leadership Conference

“HOSA: Where Dreams are Made and Futures Begin”

30th Anniversary



Approximately 1,000 of the state's Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) members, their advisors, health educators and guests convened in Louisville from March 5-8 to participate in the 30th annual Kentucky Leadership Conference. It was perhaps one of the most challenging Kentucky State HOSA Conferences to date. Why?

In addition to celebrating 30 years of HOSA in Kentucky, a winter snow storm threatened Louisville and a major portion of the commonwealth midway through the conference.

The weather created havoc with the competitive events schedule. For safety reasons, many students left early to avoid the snow. However, State HOSA Advisor Elizabeth Bullock and her trusty band of HOSA advisors were not about to blow out the candles during state conference. They all worked double time to provide students with an opportunity to compete prior to leaving.

Bullock:

“When adversity struck HOSA this year, we all pulled together as a team to accommodate everyone’s needs.

“When I asked the seemingly impossible, advisors reached out to provide assistance in serving all of our HOSA students. Some advisors even gave up their personal rooms so we could judge events early. This solution allowed the 771 students to compete in their respective events prior to leaving. We were under some very strict time lines – in some cases, buses had already been sent from local school districts to pick-up and transport their students back home to beat the storm. So, we had to move quickly and efficiently.

“The whole conference was like a triage in an emergency room situation. We prioritized student events and conducted successful surgeries. It was a stressed environment, but our HOSA advisors stepped up with ‘can do’ options for our students. I’m proud to be associated with so many professionals across this state.”



Pre-Conference – Executive Committee Meeting

Prior to conference, the HOSA executive committee meets to discuss official business and go over the final agenda to ensure success. HOSA officers conduct the mechanics of the meeting and help manage the state conference.



Photo above (l to r): 2007-08 Kentucky State HOSA officers John Thomas, historian; Emily Kate Cardwell, president; and Jon Linn, parliamentarian; help organize the educational symposiums schedule.

Photo above right (l to r): Angela Harlan, Bowling Green TC - Glasgow; Debbie Gray, Breckinridge Co. ATC; and Kim Nealis, Maysville CTC – Rowan and LVC campuses.

Photo at right: Emily Kate Cardwell and Carla Wallace, Ohio Co. ATC health sciences instructor and advisor.



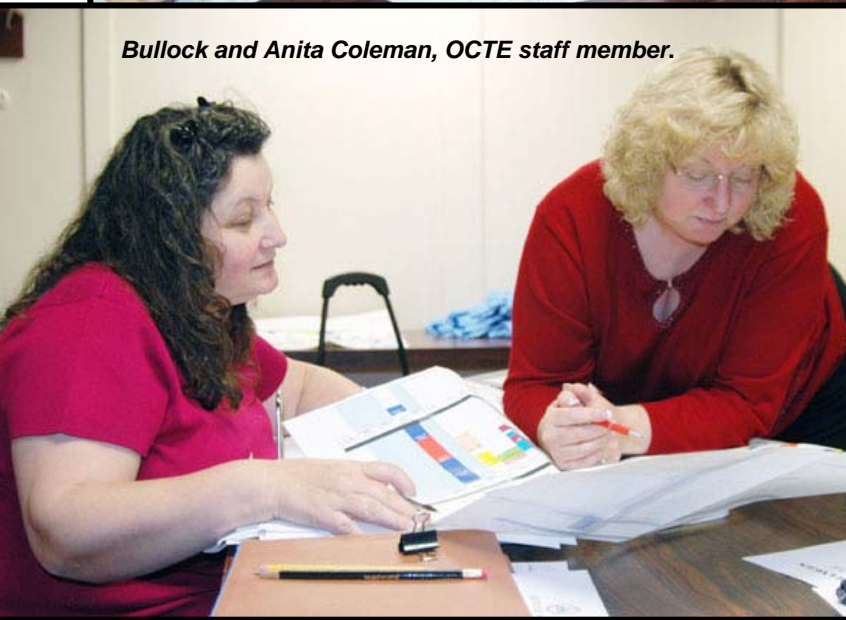
Conference Registration



Photo at left (l to r): Santayana Hayes, Louisville Central High School; Rhonda Childress, Rockcastle Co. ATC; Sheila Keeton, Whitley Co. HOSA; and Vicki Long, Hughes Jones-Harrodsburg ATC.

Hayes is a junior and wants to become a dentist.

Photo below: OCTE central office staff member Charlene Baxter goes over registration materials with Elizabeth Bullock.



Bullock and Anita Coleman, OCTE staff member.



Prior to conference, HOSA executive council members stuffed gift bags and supplies for competitive events.



**Top center: packets and contest supplies
Top right: HOSA badges**



Photo above: Julia Rollins, Corbin ATC and Angela Harlan, BGTC/Glasgow count pins and badges for school packets.

Once registered, participants were directed to the Dundee Room where they received their conference supplies and a special back-pack to commemorate HOSA's 30-year anniversary.



Volunteers manned the station and disseminated the goods. Photo (l to r): Corbin ATC health sciences students Joe Rollins and Kayla Burke, and Breckinridge Co. ATC principal James Carroll.

The environment at state conference allows students to network with other students, learn about a variety of health care fields and health care issues, listen to professionals during a number of educational symposiums, run for an office, and compete in leadership and skill events.

Courtesy Corps

“Courtesy Corps (CC) duties reinforce and enhance student leadership skills by offering them an opportunity to become involved in and exposed to all the competitive events.

“It also promotes volunteerism and this directly relates to the health care profession.”

Karen Smith, KDE health science consultant and HOSA executive council



Above (l to r): Karen Smith and Joni Ferguson go over schedule of duties for courtesy corps students.

“Pulling together and making it easier for others to do their job is the purpose,” said Ferguson.



Above: Barren Co. ATC health sciences students under the director of instructor Joni Ferguson. (l to r): Rayli Howard, Sr.; Lindsey Trowbridge, Sr. and local secretary; and Jessica Kind, Sr.

All of the girls agree that being part of the courtesy corps is a rewarding experience because “it helps us to learn about all the other events at state HOSA.”

Exhibitors

This year, HOSA participants were exposed to an expanded exhibitor offering thanks to the efforts of HOSA executive council member Karen Smith.

Kentucky AHEC:

According to the Southern Kentucky Area Health Education Center (AHEC) brochure, the program “is a joint initiative of the University of Kentucky Medical Center, the University of Louisville Health Sciences Center, and eight regional centers hosted by nonprofit healthcare organizations or regional universities.”

Karen Adams, Southern Kentucky AHEC health careers coordinator:

“AHEC and HOSA are a natural fit because of our common mission to get students into the health career pipeline.

“Southern Kentucky AHEC is administered through the University of Kentucky and hosted by Rockcastle Hospital and Rehabilitation Center, Inc., in Mt. Vernon, Ky.

“We promote health careers and health education training to improve health in our 15-county region.”

For more AHEC information, please visit the following websites:

<http://www.soahec.org/index.htm> (Southern KY AHEC)

<http://www.mc.uky.edu/ahec/> (UK AHEC)

<http://louisville.edu/medschool/ahec/> (U of L AHEC)



Photo: Shelby County ATC health sciences students stop at AHEC exhibitor booth. Pictured from (l to r): Karen Adams, Southern KY AHEC; Amber Trapp, Jr.; Anna Thompson, Jr.; Bailey Coleman, Jr.; and health sciences instructors Peggy Williford and Sherry Allen.

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Kentucky Organ Donor Registry (KODA)

This organization educates individuals about organ donation. According to printed material, “more than 95,000 Americans, including more than 740 Kentuckians are awaiting life-saving organ transplants.”

“We are trying to encourage advisors and instructors to educate their students on the importance of organ and tissue donation, and contact us for a presentation,” said Evelyn Glass, Community Education coordinator.

“I went to a session during last year’s state conference and learned the value of how lives are saved through KODA,” said Wise. “If you are not an organ donor, you might want to learn a little more about this organization. It’s all about saving lives.”

*Murray-Calloway County
ATC students learn about
organ donation.*

*Photo (l to r): Landon
Cains, Sr., and local vice
president; LeeAnn Dillon,
Sr., Evelyn Glass, KODA;
Andrea Schornah, Jr., and
health sciences instructor
Cynthia Wise.*



Marketed as “a different kind of school,” Spencerian College offers certificate, diploma, or associate degree programs in a variety of fields including health sciences.

Karen Swinney,
admissions relations coordinator:

“It is very important for us to stay connected to and articulate with the 55 area technology centers and local school districts. It is terrific to see the students’ professionalism and enthusiastic attitude. HOSA is awesome.”

For more information regarding Spencerian College, visit the following web site:

<http://www.spencerian.edu/>

Photo: Students from the C.E. McCormick and J.D. Patton ATC’s stop to find out more information about Spencerian College. (L to R) back row: Nancy Jo Greene, Jr., C.E. McCormick; Meghan McQueary, Jr., C.E. McCormick, Tarra Lloyd, Jr. and local parliamentarian, J.D. Patton ATC; and health sciences instructor Sherry Lawson, J.D. Patton. Front row: Swinney and Vicki Rebholz, C.E. McCormick health sciences instructor.



HOSA students campaign for state office



Above: Jon Linn and his "Rock Out" campaign team.
Hancock Co. High School
(l to r): Jasmine Ellis, Alysha Smith, Katie Claise and Linn.

"Since becoming a member of HOSA, I have learned the skills to become a more effective leader. I appreciate everything my instructor (Bridget Schartzner) has done to help me learn the qualities of good leadership and I'm ready for the next challenge – running for president."



Chelsea Whitworth
Hughes Jones – Harrodsburg ATC

"I wanted to run for historian because I feel that I am creative, and will do a great job documenting the HOSA experience."

Patti Preston, HJ-HATC health sciences instructor:

"Chelsa has an art background, as well as modeling experience. Therefore, we believe she has both the talent and skill to represent us well."



HOSA students campaign for state office



Deann Wright, Franklin Simpson HS
Candidate for secretary



Matt Beard, Lincoln Co. ATC
Candidate for vice-president

"HOSA has helped me realize the importance of good leadership."

"My teacher and advisor (Jill Stone) has always been helpful and she knows how to make the subject fun."



Stephanie Shaia, Ballard Co. HS
Candidate for parliamentarian

Judges Luncheon

KY State HOSA officers (in official uniform) were on hand to officially greet individuals attending the Judges Luncheon. All judges were provided with their respective competitive event package.



Above: 2007-08 HOSA State officers pose with state advisors Elizabeth Bullock (far left) and Mary Kleber (far right).

At right (l to r): Gwen Fitzpatrick, Garrard Co. ATC-satellite program at Danville HS; Jill Stone, Lincoln Co. ATC; May Arnold, Madison Co. ATC; and Page Smith, Garrard Co. ATC. Stone and Fitzpatrick serve as HOSA event lieutenants for Category III – Emergency Preparedness Events.

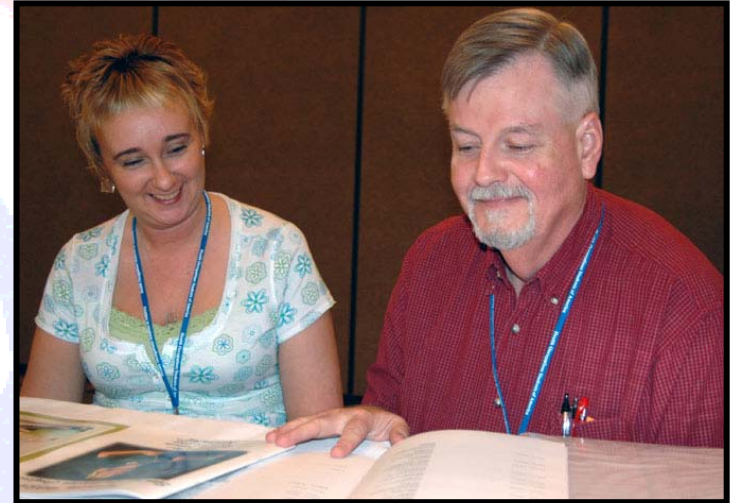


Photo above: Linda Brush and Bullitt Co. ATC instructor Ed Reecer.



Scholarships for HOSA state winners



A special thank you goes to *Jan Gordon, Spencerian College main campus executive director*, for working on a short timeline to provide HOSA students with an opportunity to win scholarship awards at this year's conference.

Eighteen HOSA events qualify for scholarship awards. HOSA students who won first place in any qualified event and who plan to enroll at Spencerian College in any of the following programs are eligible to receive:

\$1000 - Certificate program (2 quarters)

\$2000 - Diploma program (3 or 4 quarters)

\$3000 - Associate Degree program (6-9 quarters)

**Scholarships will be awarded at \$500 per quarter up to the amount of the total scholarship.*

Second and third place winners receive \$500 the first quarter.

When contacted by Fran Dundon, Mr. Allen D. Rose created the pathway for this year's HOSA state winners to receive Spencerian College scholarship awards. It's a first and will hopefully set the benchmark for other educational institutions to follow.

Ann C. Vescio Scholarship

The Ann C. Vescio Scholarship Award was established to recognize those students who have made significant contributions to the HOSA organization, to HOSA members, and to others through HOSA activities. The amount of the stipend will be determined by the amount of money available in the Kentucky HOSA Treasury and voluntary contributions by local HOSA chapters.

This year, each student received a \$350 scholarship.

2008 Ann C. Vescio Winners

Hannah Moore, Union Co. H.S.
Sara Baxter, Franklin-Simpson H.S.
Rachel Long, Madison Co. ATC
Steven Potts, Ballard Co. H.S.



A tribute to Debbie Gray

**Breckinridge County ATC
health sciences instructor/HOSA advisor**



Above - Breckinridge Co. ATC HOSA students (l to r): Stephanie Kauffman, Julia Critchelow, class secretary; Gray, Jenna Jarboe, chapter treasurer; Destani Jones, class treasurer; and Autumn Richards.

At right: Debbie and her mother Dean Smith. Known as "Grammy," Smith ran the HOSA advisors' hospitality room for ten years.

Bottom: Debbie Gray, 2005 Secondary HOSA advisor of the year.



Debbie Gray, a 30-year veteran, will retire at the end of this school year.

Over her illustrious career, she has been a HOSA advisor (30-years), served as a HOSA Executive Council member (27-years), taken students to national competition (27-years), and been a competitive events lieutenant at the state (4-years) and national (20-years) levels.

Debbie Gray:

"Over the last 30 years I have been lucky enough to be a part of an amazing group of hard working people who helped develop KY HOSA.

"During this time, I've had many state officers and even one national officer. Yes, it's wonderful to see your student stand before a group of 5,000 people and give a dynamic presentation, but no more thrilling than seeing a timid young lady stand up before a small group and properly make a motion or defend her position.

"To all the new advisors, don't be afraid to ask – we've all been there. And to everyone – don't get too busy to stop, help the other guy, and enjoy each other's friendships."



Photo at left: Hughes Jones-Harrodsburg ATC allied health instructor Susan Readnow; health sciences instructors Patti Preston and Vicki Long.



Harrison Co. ATC health sciences instructor Ellie Pribble and daughter Emily.



At left: Newly elected 2008-09 HOSA president Jon Linn and his advisor Bridget Schartz, Hancock Co. HS.

"I have been involved with HOSA from both ends of the spectrum – as a student and now as a teacher, advisor and Executive Council member," said Schartz. "I share my story with students because HOSA influenced my education and future. Being involved in HOSA helped give me the knowledge of health occupations and the extra step in reaching educational career goals. It's exciting to see students succeed and we are all proud of Jon."

A new perspective

Pat Dennison, the recently hired Office of Career and Technical Education health science and human services academic consultant, attended conference as a first time state staff member.

Dennison:

“During the HOSA Conference, I saw life from the other side. This year, I was not responsible for making sure students were up, properly dressed, and on time at the right location for competition. I didn’t have to make sure students were in their own sleeping rooms at curfew.

“My role was completely different - I helped get conference supplies together, proof the awards PowerPoint, judge contests when needed and served as lieutenant for Category VI events. There was less sleep time than when I supervised students.

“To organize and execute this event takes tremendous time and effort. To me, Ms. Bullock should be commended for her commitment to make this a positive experience for students.

“Health Science without HOSA does not make up a whole. Health Science gives students the knowledge and technical skills needed for the next step in life - whether entering the workforce or continuing into postsecondary education. HOSA is the icing on the cake. It involves students in chapter projects, community service, competitive events, and leadership development.”



Dennison retired from the Lake Cumberland ATC in 2006 with 31-years of service. After one year of retirement, she became a short term substitute teacher at Casey Co. ATC, and then accepted her current position.

She has been involved in HOSA for 27 years (the first four, she was in VICA-now called SkillsUSA). To her credit, seven students served as state HOSA officers and one (her son, Jarred) served as a national HOSA vice president during the 1994-95 school year.

Pat is proud of the fact that her students won or placed in state HOSA competitive events every year during her teaching career. Several of her state award winners placed in national competition.

She has received the coveted Outstanding Secondary HOSA Advisor award twice, 1994 and 2006.



Corbin ATC HOSA congregation (l to r): Joe Rollins, Lera Usoltseva, Richard Boff (standing), Kayla Burke, chapter secretary; Meggie Murray, Erin Watts, Brittany Mills, treasurer; Leah Eaton, Megan Payne (laying down) chapter president; Kaitlyn Fothergill, parliamentarian; health sciences instructor Julia Rollins (standing) and Jay Mills (seated), chapter vice-president.

Some comments from Rollins' students: "She is an inspiration," "She is our second mother," "She has helped me realize what I want to be," and "She created a life changing path for my future and prepared me for real life."

[Click here to access
2008 State HOSA event winners](#)

2008 HOSA staff

State Advisors

Elizabeth Bullock (OCTE) and Mary Kelber (KCTCS)

Executive Council

Kim Nealis – Maysville CTC-Rowan and LVC campuses

Karen Smith – KDE

Julia Rollins – Corbin ATC

Event Lieutenants

Category I – Health Science Events

Martha Williams, Martin Co. ATC

Category II – Health Professional Events

Debbie Gray – Breckinridge Co. ATC

Tammy Combs – Lee Co. ATC

Category III – Emergency Preparedness Events

Jill Stone – Lincoln Co. ATC

Gwen Fitzpatrick – Danville High School

Category IV – Leadership Events

Donna Lynch – Meade Co. ATC

Joni Ferguson – Barren Co. ATC

Category V – Teamwork Events

Kim Nealis – KCTCS

Debby Carman – Grayson Co. Technology Center

Category VI – Recognition Events

Pat Dennison - OCTE



(l to r):
Ferguson
and Lynch



Above: Franklin Co. CTC students.

"Thirteen students attended and seven will get to attend national competition. Due to snow, we had to leave early. We appreciate the efforts of Elizabeth Bullock and the conference staff for making it possible for all of our students to compete."

Melissa Harrod, R.N.

FCCTC health sciences instructor

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